



Montgomery County Council

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PRAISNER JOINS BUSH FOR CELEBRATION OF NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001

Montgomery County Councilmember Marilyn J. Praisner joined President Bush in Washington D.C. January 9 to celebrate the signing of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

The *No Child Left Behind Act* passed both houses by overwhelming bipartisan majorities in December. It provides significant additional federal dollars for education. In addition, states will receive funds to design and administer tests for reading and math. Under the new law, school districts will develop systems of accountability based upon student performance. The new law also gives states and school districts increased local control and flexibility.

Praisner was invited by the White House to the event because of her previous role as chair of the National Association of Counties Education and Human Services Steering Committee.

Councilmember Praisner, a former Montgomery County School Board member, has represented the County on a number of local and state education initiatives and commissions. She currently represents the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) on the state's Thornton Commission.

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